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FOOTHILLS RECREATION & AQUATICS CENTER TO BE DEDICATED AND OPENED SEPT. 30

GLENDALÉ, Ariz. –Glendale Mayor Elaine Scruggs and City Council will dedicate and unveil Glendale's first recreation and aquatic center on Saturday, Sept. 30, with the **Foothills Recreation and Aquatics Center**. The public is invited to attend.

At 8 a.m. city dignitaries will participate in a **Grand Dedication** with a formal ceremony that also includes the dedication of *Go, Go, Go*, the glass artwork by artist Gordon Huether integrated into the glass wall at the entrance of the building. From 8:30-11 a.m. the center will open for a **Grand Tour** that includes free activities such as rubber duck races at poolside and watch lifeguard demonstrations, decorate "foot" cookies in the culinary arts kitchen and test free-throw skills in the gym as just a few of the Grand Tour activities. Staff will be on hand to accept registrations for recreation passes and special interest classes.

The recreation and aquatics center will open for regular business for the **Grand Opening** at 1 p.m., when recreation passes and aquatics fees will be accepted for use of the many amenities. The recreation center operations hours will be 1 to 8 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 30.

Regular hours begin Sunday, Oct. 1, and are as follows:

5:30 a.m. to 10 p.m., Monday – Friday

7 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday

11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday

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Recreational swim will be available as follows:

1 to 7:30 p.m, Saturday, Sept. 30

12 to 4:30 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 1

12 to 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 7

12 to 4:30 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 8

12 to 6 p.m., Monday, Oct. 9

The heated lap pool will be open year-round for fitness and swimming classes.

The Foothills Recreation and Aquatics Center features a 69,800-square-foot recreation building and an outdoor aquatics area. The recreation building features a gymnasium, classrooms, culinary arts teaching kitchen, exercise studios, childcare room, game room, lounge, jogging/walking track, rock climbing wall, racquetball courts, fitness area and multipurpose room with a catering kitchen. The aquatics area features a heated lap swim and diving pool, lazy river, two slides, leisure pool with aquatic playground and a concessions area.

Go, Go, Go, is made of etched and laminated mouth-blown glass imported from Waldsassen, Germany. The piece is composed of 19 panels and spans the entrance at approximately 14 feet by 16 feet. The imagery features hand-drawn international sports symbols representing various activities at the center. The Glendale Arts Commission released a nation-wide call to artists in the spring of 2005. Sixty-five applications were received. Mr. Huether's design was approved by a selection panel, the Glendale Arts Commission and the City Council in the fall of 2005.

For more information regarding the Foothills Recreation and Aquatic Center, please call 623-930-4600 or visit the website at www.glendaleaz.com/foothillscenter.